

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 151 – SB 254

February 7, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Classifies identity theft as a continuing offense because it involves the unlawful taking of an individual's personal identifying information wherever the victim resides or is found. Defines "victim" and expands venue for the offense of identity theft to any county where an essential element of the offense occurred, including any county where the victim resides or is found, regardless whether the defendant was ever in that county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Expanding the venue to where the victim resides or is found would not result in a significant increase in the number of identity theft reports being filed. However, victims could seek police reports with more frequency to provide to credit bureaus or other agencies attempting to resolve the financial aspect of identity theft offenses.
- According to the Department of Correction, the proposed legislation will not impact the number of incarcerations for identity theft or identity theft trafficking.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, identity theft prosecutions will not increase significantly as a result of this bill.
- Any increase in cases in the court system, resulting in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected, are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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